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FOR FRUTKIN, NASA, FROM SCICOUNS

1. SCICOUNS APPRECIATES INQUIRY CONCERNING POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF JAPANESE EXPERTS IN STUDY TO DEVELOP INVENTORY FOR FUTURE SPACE ACTIVITIES, AND HOPES VERY MUCH SUCH PARTICIPATION CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES LOGICAL CANDIDATE FOR SOME FORM OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY WOULD BE MR. TERUO ISHIKAWA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE RADIO REGULATORY BUREAU, MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FORMER DIRECTOR, RADIO RESEARCH LABORATORY. MR. ISHIKAWA (THIS IS NOT RPT NOT SAME ISHIKAWA WHO SERVED AS SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE IN JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON SEVERAL YEAR AGO), HAS BEEN SERVING FOR SOME TIME AS CHAIRMAN OF A GOJ WORKING GROUP ASSEMBLED SPECIFICALLY TO DEVELOP JAPANESE VIEWS ON "FUTURE VISION OF SPACE." AS SUCH ISHIKAWA WOULD BE IN GOOD POSITION NOT ONLY TO REFLECT OWN VIEWS, BUT THOUGHTS DEVELOPED IN WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPROMISES A CROSS-SECTION

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OF SENIOR WORKING SCIENTISTS ACTIVE IN SPACE OR SPACE

RELATED FIELDS. ISHIKAWA'S PARTICIPATION ALSO LOGICAL FROM STANDPOINT HIS TELECOMMUNICATION RESPONSIBILITIES, SINCE THIS IS SPACE RELATED FIELD IN WHICH JAPAN UNDOUBTEDLY HAS STRONGEST CAPABILITIES. ISHIKAWA'S ENGLISH IS WEAK, BUT WE BELIEVE THIS IS MANAGEABLE PROBLEM. ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE, WHO ALSO SERVES AS MEMBER OF "FUTURE VISION" WORKING GROUP IS YASUHIRO KURODA, DIRECTOR, SYSTEMS PLANNING DEPARTMENT, NASDA, KURODA WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO MANY US SPACE OFFICIALS IS AMONG MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EFFECTIVE OF SENIOR NASDA SPACE OFFICIALS.

3. SCICOUNS ALSO SUGGESTS PARTICIPATION BY A LEADING JAPANESE THINKER ON FUTURE TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS. LOGICAL CANDIDATE WOULD BE YUJIRO HAYASHI, CURRENTLY PROFESSOR AT TOKYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, AND PREVIOUSLY LONG TIME GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO LAST SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF ECONOMICS RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY HAYASHI IS CONSIDERED ONE OF JAPAN'S LEADING "FUTUROLOGISTS."

4. SCICOUNS WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY IN ARRANGING FOR THESE OR OTHER JAPANESE EXPERTS TO BE AVAILABLE AS CONSULTANTS TO STUDY.

5. YOU ALSO MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SOME FORM OF PARTICIPATION BY PROFESSOR KEIICHI OSHIMA, ONE OF LEADING JAPANESE SCIENCE POLICY SPOKESMAN, WHO IS NOW SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF OECD'S SCIENCE POLICY DIVISION.
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